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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of the second amendment to the 2014 agreement for brush clearance and weed and/or refuse abatement.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the second amendment to the 2014 agreement for brush clearance and weed and/or refuse abatement.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Fire Commissioners reports that each contractor is required to maintain sufficient crews and equipment to furnish these services in a timely manner and must continue to demonstrate a willingness to perform such services. During the 2015 Brush Clearance season, the Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) Brush Clearance Unit inspected 140,992 parcels, issued 12,500 citations, and sent to contract for weed and refuse abatement 553 privately-owned and 761 City-owned parcels at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. These contracts are paid from Account No. 3070 - Brush Clearance Contracts, and have been approved each year in the LAFD's Adopted Annual Budget. The City is reimbursed for brush clearance costs by invoicing the property owners directly or through the County Assessor's tax rolls.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

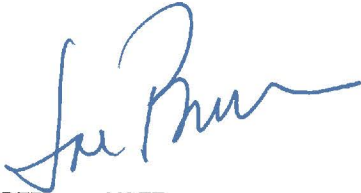
At the meeting held on June 21, 2016, your Public Safety Committee considered a Board of Fire Commissioners report relative to the acceptance of the second amendment to the 2014 agreement for brush clearance and weed and/or refuse abatement. The Board of Fire Commissioners reports that the ongoing effort to provide public safety through the enforcement of the Brush Clearance Ordinance requires the Brush Clearance Unit to inspect approximately 140,000 properties per year. On average, 800 to 1200 properties are cleared by the LAFD. The use of private contractors to abate a public nuisance has proven to be both necessary and cost effective.

An opportunity for public comment was held. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation presented by the Board of Fire Commissioners, as detailed above.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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